



Celebrating the Funeral Rites

St. Francis de Sales Church
LANSING, KANSAS

Dear Friends,

The St. Francis de Sales parish family extends our love and sympathy to you and your family. We are here to walk with you through this overwhelming time. As the Church embraces us in baptism and throughout life, it also supports and holds us in dying and death.

Your departed loved one is a gift from God who knew the Lord in faith, but now sees God face-to-face in Heaven. The Scriptures tells us that death separates us temporarily; one day you will be reunited in the dwelling place prepared by Jesus. This is our rock solid faith.

When a Catholic dies we celebrate a set of Funeral Rites which helps us in our grieving and loss. These prayers bring comfort and expresses our love. The Church's rituals profess deep faith, and leads us to pray for the one who died.

This booklet, along with the parish minister assisting you, will help you plan the Funeral Rites. There are some things set by Church and parish policy, but you will find parts of the ritual where your preferences are requested.

Again, please know we want to assist you through this time. And, after the funeral, we are here to help you in any way we can. Don't hesitate to call upon us. The death of a loved one is a sad time, filled with difficult emotions. But it is also a celebration of eternal life for those baptized into the death and resurrection of Christ.

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FUNERALS are part of the worship life of the Church, and St. Francis de Sales Parish strives to make these rites truly prayerful and dignified experiences for all who join us. To this end we will provide the following:

- assistance in planning the services
- ministers for all the Funeral Rites
- music
- a worship program handout
- prayerful support

The Funeral Rites

The Funeral Rites of the Catholic Church have three parts:

- the **Vigil service** the evening before with either the body or ashes present.
- the **Liturgy** (Funeral Mass) with either the body or ashes* present.
- the **Burial** with the interment of the body or ashes.

Another option is a Memorial Mass or service with no remains present. These can take place shortly after the time of death or at some convenient time for the gathering of friends and family.

THE VIGIL

The Vigil is a time of communal prayer, ordinary taking place in the early evening (usually between 6:00pm and 7:00pm) the day before the Funeral Mass. The service coincides with the visitation, and customarily takes place at the funeral home. On occasion, a family may receive permission to conduct the visitation and service at the church. The visitation may also immediately precede the Funeral Liturgy in the church.

The Archbishop has asked that if there is to be a eulogy or if a family member or friends wishes to speak in remembrance of the departed, then these remarks are to be done at the Vigil.

There are two options for the Vigil:

- A **Vigil prayer service**, which includes Scripture, brief homily, intercessions, and a blessing.
- **Recitation of the Rosary**, which can be led by a family member of the deceased or parish minister.

THE FUNERAL LITURGY

When one of its members dies, the Church encourages the Funeral Rites be performed within the celebration of Mass, although it is not required. The Funeral Rites apart from Mass may be celebrated at church, funeral home, or gravesite.

* The ashes of the deceased may be brought into the church when celebrating the Funeral Rites. An urn containing the ashes will be placed on a table near the sanctuary before the Liturgy begins. The prayers of the Liturgy are adapted slightly, but the rituals remain the same.

It is important to note that the Catholic Church strongly recommends the proper disposition of the ashes of the deceased. The first choice would be to place the ashes in a columbarium – or place designated for the interment of ashes. The second choice would be to bury the ashes in a cemetery as we would the body of the deceased. Whatever is chosen, the ashes must be given respect and dignity, and not be placed anywhere that is not sacred.

Those planning the funeral are encouraged to invite family members or friends, if qualified, to undertake the following roles:

- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** (1 to 4 in number, depending on size of funeral and whether the Eucharist will be distributed under both species or one).
- **Readers** (1, 2 or 3). Readers are needed for the 1st Reading, 2nd Reading, and for the Prayers of the Faithful (Petitions).
- **Servers** (up to 3). Servers from the parish will be provided if none are available.
- **Gift Bearers** (up to 4)
- **Ushers** (up to 2). They may hand out worship programs as people come into the church.

Placing of the Pall

After the body is blessed with holy water at the beginning of the Liturgy, family members or friends may assist in the placing of the pall over the casket. The pall, which is a large white cloth, symbolizes the garment of baptism and the dignity of the Christian person.

Music

Music is an important part of our ritual. It helps us express our deep faith and comforts us. We encourage families to make full use of the Church's rich tradition and the parish's musical resources. To ensure the quality and sacred nature of the Funeral Liturgy, we recommend that musicians be assigned from those already trained within St. Francis de Sales parish. If outside musicians are selected, the parish Music Director may still need to be present to ensure the proper

functioning of our sound system and to oversee the flow of the Liturgy.

The hymns may be chosen from the following list:

GATHERING SONG

A Mighty Fortress (674)
Abide With Me (856)
All Creatures of Our God and King (578)
Amazing Grace (680)
At the Name of Jesus (369, 465, 466)
Be Thou My Vision (646)
Because the Lord is My Shepherd (697)
Come to Me (1157)
Come to the Water (626)
Gather Your People (768)
Give Me Jesus (554)
Glory and Praise to Our God (574)
How Can I Keep from Singing (686)
I am the Bread of Life (1118)
I Heard the Voice of Jesus (692)
I Know that My Redeemer Lives (556, 129)
In Every Age (67)
Lord of All Hopefulness (647)
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (709)
Morning Has Broken (851)
On Eagle's Wings (671)
Shall We Gather at the River (756)
Sing a New Church (830)
Soon and Very Soon (755)
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (712)
Though the Mountains May Fall (682)
We Walk By Faith (1126)
We Will Rise Again (681)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Age to Age (670)
How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place (61, 551)
In Every Age (67, 696)
Like a Shepherd (622)
Loving and Forgiving (532)
Shepherd Me, O God (1197)
The Cry of the Poor (829)
The Lord is My Light and Salvation (557)
This is the Day (98)
To You O Lord (1122)
With the Lord (361)

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace (680)
Be Not Afraid (673)
Be Thou My Vision (646)
Because the Lord is My Shepherd (697)
Come to Me (695)
Eye Has Not Seen (1134)
Fly Like a Bird (698)
Give Me Jesus (554)
God Will Wipe Every Tear (solo)
Hail Mary, Gentle Woman (481)
Here I am, Lord (818)
Hosea (Come Back to Me) (529)
I Know that My Redeemer Lives (556)
Isaiah 49 (628)
Lord of All Hopefulness (647)
O God, You Search Me (678)
Only a Shadow (676)
Only This I Want (732)
Prayer of St. Francis (702)
Remember Your Love (1152)
Shall We Gather at the River (756)
Shelter Me, O God (1128)
The King of Love My Shepherd Is (690)
The Path of Life (15)
There is a Longing (649)
This Alone (652)
To Everything There is a Season (558)
We Will Rise Again (681)
What Wondrous Love Is This (719)
You Are Near (687)

COMMUNION

All My Days (604)
Be Not Afraid (673)
Bread of Life (788, 805)
Center of My Life (665)
Christ Be Our Light (824)
Eat this Bread (1119)
Gift of Finest Wheat (791)
Hail Mary, Gentle Woman (481)
Here I am Lord (684, 818)
How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place (551)
I am the Bread of Life (1118)
Like a Shepherd (622)
Only a Shadow (676)
On Eagle's Wings (671)
Panis Angelicus (836)
Parable (558)
Taste and See (1114)
The Cry of the Poor (829)
The Servant Song (816)
The Supper of the Lord (774)

There is a Longing (649)
We Have Been Told (1135)
We Remember (1127)
You Are Near (687)

RECESSIONAL

A Mighty Fortress (674)
Be Thou Vision (646)
Blest Be the Lord (677)
Canticle of the Sun (1124)
City of God (813)
Crown Him With Many Crowns (461)
For All The Saints (504)
Give Me Jesus (544)
Holy God, We Praise Thy Name (566)
How Can I Keep From Singing (686)
How Great Thou Art (614)
I am the Bread of Life (1118)
Lead Me, Lord (733)
Let There Be Peace on Earth (703)
Lord of All Hopefulness (647)
On Eagle's Wings (671)
Precious Lord, Take My Hand (548)
Sent Forth By God's Blessing (740)
Sing With All the Saints in Glory (759)
Soon And Very Soon (755)
The Strife is O'er (408)
To Jesus Christ our Sovereign King (468)
We Walk By Faith (1126)
We Will Rise Again (681)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Please select a First and Second reading from the following Bible passages:

FIRST READING

Outside the Easter Season

1 OT-1 Job 19:1,23-27
I know that my Redeemer lives

Then Job answered and said: Oh, would that my words were written down! Would that they were inscribed in a record: That with an iron chisel and with lead they were cut in the rock forever! But as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust. Whom I myself shall see: my own eyes, not another's, shall

1 OT-2 Wisdom 3:1-6,9
He accepted them as a holocaust

1 OT-3 Wisdom 4:7-14
A blameless life is a ripe old age

1 OT-4 Isaiah 25:6a,7-9
The Lord God will destroy death forever

1 OT-5 Lamentations 3:17-25
*It is good to wait in silence
for the Lord God to save*

1 OT-6 Maccabees 12:43-46
*It is a good and holy thing
to think of the dead rising*

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1 OT-7

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
There is a time for everything

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every thing under the heavens. A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant. A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to tear down, and a time to build. A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance. A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them; a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces. A time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away. A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to be silent, and a time to speak. A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

During the Easter Season

1 NT-1

Acts 10:34-36, 42-43
Jesus is judge of the living and the dead

Peter proceeded to speak, saying: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the children of Israel as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

1 NT-2

Revelation 14:13
Let their good works go with them

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," said the Spirit, "let them find rest from their labors, for their works accompany them."

1 NT-3

Revelation 21:1-5a,6b-7
He will wipe away every tear

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away." The One who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water. The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son."

SECOND READING

2 NT-1

Romans 6:3-4,8-9
We too might live in newness of life

Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

2 NT-2

Romans 8:31b-35,37-39
Nothing can separate us from God's love

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, will he not also give us

we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

2 NT-8

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

We shall always be with the Lord

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words.

2 NT-9

I John 3:1-2

We shall be like Him

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

2 NT-10

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GOSPEL

*The presiding priest will select
the Gospel passage to be proclaimed.*

Homily

Father Bala asks that you compose thoughtful, personal information about your loved one to help him as he prepares the homily. He requests a family member provide him with three paragraphs about the departed:

- 1) Write about his/her faith in God.
- 2) Tell about his/her love of family.
- 3) Share whatever you wish about your loved one, perhaps something the congregation doesn't know.

You may send your writing to him via email: balamiriyala@hotmail.com. He would like to receive it 24 hours before the Funeral Liturgy.

Prayers of the Faithful

The pastoral associate or the priest assisting you will help compose petitions, with a special focus on personalizing them.

THE BURIAL

At the conclusion of the Liturgy, the body is taken to the gravesite where a brief service will be held before the remains are buried or interred.

After the Funeral Rites

Meal

We offer the family and friends of St. Francis de Sales parishioners a meal following the Funeral. A parish committee will provide the food and drink, and the meal will take place in Robert Martz Hall.

Non-parishioners who celebrated the funeral of a loved one at St. Francis de Sales may use the hall, but will need to have the meal catered from an outside provider.

Bereavement

The death of a loved one is very painful, and the loss can affect everything — your faith, your personality, your life. If you find you're not coping well, please contact us and we will do everything we can to help. We wish to support you as you heal.

Prayer

It is an ancient Christian tradition to offer Masses for the repose of the soul of your loved one. At every Mass, though, in the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest and congregation prayerfully remember the departed, and we ask our merciful God to grant them a place in Heaven with all the saints.

November 2nd is All Souls Day, and the Mass that day is offered for all the departed. In fact, during the entire month of November, we have special remembrances and prayers for the deceased.

Funeral Planning Sheet

NAME OF DECEASED _____

SPOUSE/PARENTS _____

Residence: _____

Date of Birth _____

Date of Death _____ Age _____

☐ Catholic ☐ Non-Catholic

DATE AND TIME FOR WAKE

AAA (2)

ROSARY _____ SERVICE _____

Date and Time of Mass/service:

Eucharistic Ministers(3)

Burial date/time _____

Celebrant: _____

CEMETERY _____

☐ CASKET ☐ URN

Pallbearers -

☐ Mass of burial ☐ Service at Funeral Home

Please list on the back of this sheet:

☐ Graveside Service only

MUSIC: Accompanist: _____

Cantor: _____

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading# _____

Gathering Hymn:

Responsorial Psalm:

Offertory Preparation Hymn:

Second Reading # _____

Communion Hymn:

Reader#1: _____

Reader #2: _____

Recessional Hymn:

General Intercessions: _____

Gift (bread & wine) Bearers: (choose 2 – 4 people)

Funeral Dinner: Yes No # of people _____

POC: _____

Funeral Home _____

Email: _____

Number _____

Phone: _____

POC _____



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